GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:613
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2003
POLICY ON SOIL EROSION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any policy to check soil erosion by the rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) names of States where cases of soil erosion by the rivers has come to the notice of the Government in the recent past; and

(d) the funds provided by the Union Government to the State Governments to check soil erosion during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) of STARRED QUESTION NO. 613 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 05.05.2003 REGARDING POLICY ON SOIL EROSION

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The National Water Policy, 2002 states that the erosion of land, whether by the sea in coastal areas or by river waters inland, should be minimised by suitable cost effective measures. The States and Union Territories are also required to undertake all requisite steps to ensure that indiscriminate occupation and exploitation of coastal strips of land are discouraged and that the location of economic activities in areas adjacent to the sea are regulated. Each coastal State needs to prepare a comprehensive coastal land management plan, keeping in view the environmental and ecological impacts and regulate the developmental activities accordingly.

(c) The States of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Assam, Kerala, Orissa, Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra are most vulnerable to river erosion.

(d) Anti river erosion works are integral part of flood management works are planned and executed by the State Governments and provisions are made in their State Plan for execution of such works according to the priorities assigned by the States. Besides the State plan funds, central assistance has been provided to various states under Centrally Sponsored Scheme / Central Sector Scheme / Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources during the last three years:-

Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Critical Anti erosion in Ganga Basin States

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No	Name of the State	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1.	Bihar	8.50	13.58	12.8325
2.	Uttar Pradesh	4.00	6.89	5.44
3.	Uttaranchal	1.00	Nil	0.95
4.	West Bengal	6.50	11.38	5.60

Central Sector Scheme: Avulsion of river Brahmaputra at Dholla - Hathigulli in Assam

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No	Name of the State	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1.	Assam - Brahmaputra Board	Nil	Nil	7.50

Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR):

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No	Name of the State	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	10.00	30.00	10.97
2.	Assam	Nil	38.89	26.57
3.	Sikkim	2.50	10.50	7.31